

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a thermal developing method for continuously and thermally developing thermal developing sheets which have a latent image  
5 formed thereon by exposure and various sizes, a minimum temperature  
recovery time required for thermally developing a next thermal  
developing sheet is determined from physical information about  
a thermally developed sheet, and the next thermal developing  
10 sheet is started to be developed after the minimum temperature  
recovery time passes.

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